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In re Application of :
Johnson, et al. :
Application No. 09/220,617 : ON PETITION
Filed: December 24, 1998 :
Attorney Docket No. 6029-7976 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b),
filed December 10, 2004, to revive the above-identified
application.

The petition is **dismissed**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be
submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this
decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted.
The reconsideration request should include a cover letter
entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)."

This application became abandoned for failure to timely file a
proper reply to the final Office action mailed March 25, 2004. A
three month extension of time having been obtained pursuant to
the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), the date of abandonment of
this application is September 26, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment
was mailed on November 29, 2004.

Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now
provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a
petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application pursuant
to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR
1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the required reply, unless previously filed.
In a nonprovisional application abandoned for
failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met
by the filing of a continuing application. In an

application, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the **entire** delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(d).

The instant petition does not satisfy requirement (1) above.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed March 25, 2004. Accordingly, in a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to reply to a final action, the reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be one of the following:

- a Notice of Appeal and appeal fee;
- an amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 that cancels all the rejected claims or otherwise prima facie places the application in condition for allowance;
- the filing of an RCE (accompanied by a submission that meets the reply requirements of 37 CFR 1.111 and the requisite fee) under 37 CFR 1.114 for utility or plant applications filed on or after June 8, 1995; or
- the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (or a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d) if the application is a design application).

The amendment filed December 10, 2004 has been reviewed by the Examiner and it does not place the application in condition for allowance. As such, the required reply has not been submitted and the petition must be dismissed.

A courtesy copy of the PTOL-303 Advisory Action is attached to the instant decision. However, please note, this courtesy copy of the advisory form PTOL-303 merely serves as an advisory notice to the Office of Petitions regarding the decision of the examiner on the amendment after final rejection.

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Attachment:
Courtesy Copy of PTOL-303